TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIRD COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1103.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Thursday the 9th August, 1928/25th Karkatakam, 1103.

The Council reassembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at eleven thirty-five of the Clock, M. E. Watts Esquire B. A., BARRISTER-AT-LAW, Dewan, presiding.

The following members were absent :—

(1) Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad, (2) Mrs. Elizabeth Kuruvila (3) Mr. L. A. Lampard (4) Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai and (5) Mr. J. Stephenson.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Ayirur Dam in Chirayinkil Taluk.

46. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the estimate called for for the reconstruction of the Ayirur dam in the Chirayinkil taluk has been received ; and

(*b*) if so, what progress has been made in the matter ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) An estimate was prepared by the Sub-Division Officer but as it was found defective, a recast estimate has been ordered to be prepared. A provision of Rs. 5,000 has been made for the work in the draft budget for 1104.

Statement, by caste, of Appointments made by the Inspectress of Schools.

47. **MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of appointments made by the Inspectress of Schools from 1100 ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : A statement* of permanent appointments made by the Inspectress is laid on the table.

* *Vide* Appendix I—page 383.

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MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): ഈ നിയമനം ആക്ഠറ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളവരുടെ സീനിയോറിറ്റി അനുസരിച്ചായിരിയ്ക്കുമോ ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) Ordinarily it must be so.

Difficulties of the Ryots of Tovala and Agastisvaram in the matter of Irrigation.

48. MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the difficulties experienced by the ryots of the Tovala and Agastisvaram taluks on account of the insufficient capacity of the Kodayar reservoir;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the indiscriminate auction sale of tank-beds is also a contributory cause of insufficiency of water for irrigation; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any steps have been taken by the Government to obviate the difficulties?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government are aware that, in years of deficient rainfall, the ryots of Nanjanad and Edanad may experience some difficulty for want of sufficient water for irrigation.

(*b*) There has been no indiscriminate sale of tank-beds within the area commanded by the Kodayar Project. Tank-beds were sold and are being sold only after the need for their retention is examined by the Revenue and P. W. D. Officers in each case. For the future, the sale of tank-beds has been further restricted by the recent amendment to Rule 38 of the *Puduval Rules* published at page 801 of Part I of the Government Gazette, dated the 24th July 1928/9th Karkatakam 1103. The rule lays down that the registration of tank-beds should be jealously scrutinised with reference to considerations of storage, distribution, flood-moderation and irrigation, as well as communal uses and that no tank-beds should be brought under registry unless such registry is certified to be unobjectionable by a P. W. D. Officer not below the rank of an Executive Engineer and by the Dewan Peishkar of the Division after they have made a personal inspection in each case.

(*c*) This is engaging the attention of the Public Works Department.

MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*): Will the member be pleased to state why the turn system in the channel is adopted even when there is water in the reservoir?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): What I wish to know is what is the supplementary question that the member wants to be answered?

MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*): Is the member aware that the lands fed by tank water are safe and that the lands fed by the channel water rather fail?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Supply of water may fail in the tank also when there is not sufficient rainfall. It is the absence of adequate rain in proper times that affects irrigation tanks.

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Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 47.**

Statement, by caste, of permanent appointments made by the Inspectress of Girls' Schools from 1100.

Caste.	No. of appointments made in				Total.
	1100	1101	1102	1103 up to the end of Mithunam.	
I. HINDUS					
Brahmin (Malayala) ...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. (others) ...	...	...	1	1	2
Nadar ...	...	...	...	4	4
Ezhava ...	2	3	13	6	24
Kammala ...	...	...	1	2	3
Kshatriya ...	...	...	...	...	...
Nayar ...	4	12	60	18	94
Pulaya ...	...	...	...	3	3
Other depressed classess ...	...	...	...	...	...
Vellala ..	..	...	1		1
Other Hindus ...	...	4	5	4	13
II MUSALMANS ...	...	...	2	...	2
III. CHRISTIANS					
Protestant ...	1	4	7	5	17
Roman Catholic ...	...	3	9	4	16
Syrians					
Jacobites ...	...	2	8	2	12
Marthoma ...	...	2	15	9	26
Others ...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	7	30	122	58	217

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